



## Championship Weekend Review

### Commanders 23-55 Eagles

The Eagles were ruthless in this game. Yet again Saquon Barkley was the difference maker. He had 118 yards and 3 rushing touchdowns. Jalen Hurts also played his part with 246 passing yards with a touchdown, he also had 3 rushing touchdowns off 16 rushing yards. The tush push was key to these. Will Shipley also played a brief cameo which landed him 77 yards and a touchdown on the last drive of the game, he also had a few nice gains on kickoff returns.

The Eagles defence was impressive, they landed 3 sacks, 4 tackles for loss, 3 forced fumbles, 2 turnovers on downs and a massive 8 pass breakups. Quinyon Mitchell, one of the top defensive rookies this year, landed an interception, he had 2 of the pass breakups. Another standout of this defence this season is Zach Baun, he had 20 tackles on the day, 12 of those were assisted tackles. Baun also contributed one of the fumbles and a fumble recovery.

It was a terrific display from the Eagles on all 3 phases. It was a dominant team display and they thoroughly deserve to be in the superbowl.

The Commanders had an amazing season. Jayden Daniels has completely changed this franchise to a legitimate contender and with him on a rookie contract the Commanders can really grow, and will no doubt be back stronger next season. They have 29th pick in the draft.

It wasn't to be this season though. The Eagles became a step too far. Jayden Daniels once again led the way with 255 passing yards and a touchdown, 48 rushing yards and a touchdown also. Zach Etrz was the go to with 11 receptions for 104 yards. The run game once again let the Commanders down, this is likely to be one of the go to picks in the draft and with the depth available the could walk away with a huge piece of their future.

On defence Frankie Luvu was the big player, he had 1 of the 2 sacks, as well as 2 of the 5 tackles for loss. There wasn't much the Commanders defence could do to stop the Eagles moving the chains however.

The Commanders should look back at the season with great pride and know that their franchise is in great hands moving forward, another good draft and we could see the Commanders being back in the Championship game again next year.

### **Bills 29-32 Chiefs**

The Chiefs won the AFC championship game in a well fought battle with the Bills. There were once again a few big calls that went the way of the Chiefs that marred what was another impressive victory.

Patrick Mahomes was excellent and efficient once again, he finished with 245 passing yards, he passed for one touchdown, Mahomes also had 2 rushing touchdowns in this game. The Bills kept Travis Kelce quiet but Mahomes found 8 different receivers and was able to move the ball. Xavier Worthy was the main target who had 6 receptions for 85 yards with the touchdown. As the season has progressed Worthy has become a more reliable target for Mahomes and stepped up big in this one.

The Chiefs defence were strong in the big moments in the game. The stats were the best with only 2 sacks, 3 tackles for loss, 3 pass breakups, and 8 quarterback hits. Mike Danna had the best day of them with 1 sack, 1 tackle for loss and 2 quarterback hits.

The Chiefs are one step away from the 3peat. They have only the Eagles left standing in their way in a repeat from superbowl LVII and the first of the back to back wins.

The Bills land the 30th pick in the draft. It was a gutting loss for the Bills who probably surpassed expectation this year with the losses on their roster. They were once again so close to going to the superbowl. The Bills and Josh Allen will be happy with their achievements whilst at the same time be devastated by the loss.

Josh Allen once again led this team and was a warrior on the field. He threw for 237 yards and two touchdowns. He was able to rely on the run game of James Cook who rushed for 85 yards and 2 touchdowns. Cook also added 49 receiving yards and was the Bills top weapon of the day. Mack Hollins and Curtis Samuel Were the recipients of the Allen touchdown passes.

The Bills defence stats were also similar to the Chiefs. It was 2 sacks, 3 tackles for loss, there was only one pass breakup and 7 quarterback hits. Matt Milano had the best of the game with 17 tackles, 1 sack, 1 tackle for loss, 1 QB hit.

The game was frustrating for the Bills who had the big calls go the Chiefs way, but another good season for the Bills. Josh Allen had an MVP calibre season and with a few nice pieces in free agency and the draft will once again challenge for the superbowl next season.

